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FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Application Number	09/931,651
Filing Date	August 15, 2001
First Named Inventor	Takayuki NARITA, et al.
Art Unit	3683
Examiner Name	Siconolfi, Robert
Attorney Docket Number	81868.0032

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on July 2, 2003.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
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- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

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2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees**

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- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1314.
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Three (3) Months Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) for \$930.00 is enclosed.
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$750.00 is enclosed for filing fee.
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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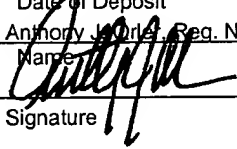
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In re application of:
Takayuki NARITA, *et al.*
Serial No: 09/931,651
Filed: August 15, 2001
For: BEARING MEMBER AND METHOD
FOR MANUFACTURING THE
SAME AND DYNAMIC PRESSURE
BEARING DEVICE

Art Unit: 3683
Examiner: Siconolfi, R.

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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated July 28, 2003, and in conjunction with filing of a Request for Continued Examination, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing Of Claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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